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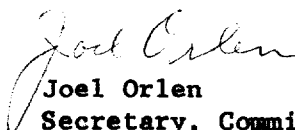
Dr. Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

As you know, a session on extraterrestrial biology is being planned for the COSPAR meeting scheduled for Warsaw this June. This will be sponsored jointly by the IUB and IUBS and your name was included among those on a preparatory group for the symposium with Dr. Melvin Calvin as convener. Last November at a COSPAR Bureau meeting, Blagonravov on his own suggested that the topics to be discussed in the biology sessions at Warsaw should include exobiology and sterilization and decontamination.

The SSB has asked Dr. Allan H. Brown of the Botany Department, University of Minnesota, to organize United States participation in these biology sessions. In view of your past involvement in these matters, I think it would be helpful if Dr. Brown could have your views and advice.

Sincerely yours,



Joel Orlen
Secretary, Committee on
International Relations

cc: Dr. R. W. Porter
Dr. A. H. Brown
Dr. Hugh Odishaw